

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4510

To direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept the donation of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth and to display the bust in a suitable location in the rotunda of the Capitol.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2005

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Ms. WATSON, Mr. RUSH, Ms. LEE, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CHABOT, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DINGELL, Mrs. CAPPS, and Ms. MATSUI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) Sojourner Truth was a towering figure
2 among the founders of the movement for women's
3 suffrage in the United States, and no monument
4 that does not include her can accurately represent
5 this important development in our Nation's history.

6 (2) The statue known as the Portrait Monu-
7 ment, originally presented to Congress in 1920 in
8 honor of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment
9 guaranteeing women the right to vote and presently
10 exhibited in the rotunda of the Capitol, portrays sev-
11 eral early suffragists who were Sojourner Truth's
12 contemporaries but not Sojourner Truth herself, the
13 only African American among the group.

14 **SEC. 2. ACCEPTANCE AND DISPLAY OF BUST OF SO-**
15 **JOURNER TRUTH IN ROTUNDA OF CAPITOL.**

16 (a) ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF BUST.—Not later
17 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act,
18 the Joint Committee on the Library shall accept the dona-
19 tion of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth, subject to such
20 terms and conditions as the Joint Committee considers ap-
21 propriate.

22 (b) DISPLAY.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Joint Committee shall
24 place the bust accepted under subsection (a) in a

1 suitable permanent location in the rotunda of the
2 Capitol.

3 (2) PLACEMENT NEAR PORTRAIT MONUMENT.—

4 It is the sense of Congress that the most suitable lo-
5 cation for the placement of the bust accepted under
6 subsection (a) is a location which is adjacent to the
7 statue known as the Portrait Monument.

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